



Appeals and State Hearings Newsletter

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Black History Celebration



ASH joined in the celebration of Black History Month with a special event on 2/23/04. To recognize the great contributions of African-American leaders, there were several activities such as a Black History Museum with displays of books, pamphlets, posters, paintings, dolls and ethnic artifacts. The organizers also provided a feast of savory dishes at the luncheon. Lastly and most enjoyable was the Black History Program which presented African American achievements.



Hearings vs. Other Counties

There are times when participants move to other counties, but still have unresolved issues with Los Angeles County. If a participant requests a hearing relative to a DPSS action, the State schedules the hearing in the county of residence rather than making the participants travel back to LA for their hearing. The Appeals Hearing Specialist in LA submits all pertinent documentation to the other county and an Appeals Specialist for the other county represents us at the hearing, as a courtesy. Likewise, ASH staff represent other counties when the situation is reversed.

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DEAR ASHLEY

Dear Ashley,

I am an Eligibility Worker and have been asked to appear as a witness in a state administrative hearing. How long do hearings usually last?



Signed,
Heaps of Work

Dear Heaps,

Most hearings last an hour or less. Some of the factors that affect the length of a hearing are: the number of issues raised by the claimant/participant, the complexity of the issue or issues, and the number of witnesses called by the claimant and the county. Each hearing is scheduled at a specific time. The Appeals Specialist assigned to the case will contact you and your district administration to make sure that you are aware of the time you should appear. You will usually be asked to arrive before the hearing so that you and the Appeals Specialist can go over the facts of the case, your testimony, and the questions you could be asked. You are released to return to work once the hearing is closed.



Case Correction Memos (PA 411) sent by ASH to district offices now identify potential Food Stamp errors. If the issue involves Food Stamps, a notation on the upper right hand corner of the PA 411 alerts districts that the case in question may have a potential Food Stamp error!



In February 2004, there were 237 PA 411s with FS alert notations. Remember that a corrected case means one less error case!!!

